

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 3-9 are pending. Claims 1 and 4 are amended and claim 2 is cancelled. The specification is amended to correct the informality in item 3 of the office action.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claim 2 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include all of the features claimed in claim 2 and the insertion of --said-- before "peripheral direction" to overcome the objection to claim 2. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 3 and 6-9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable as depending from an allowable claim and for the specific features recited therein.

Claim 4 is rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base and intervening claims 1 and 3. Claim 4 stands rejected as being anticipated by Lang et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

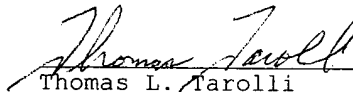
In Lang et al., the clamping extensions 32 are cut free on the three sides (above, left, and right). The clamping extensions 32 do not have opposite narrow sides which continue in one piece into second wall sections as claimed in claim 4. Therefore, claim 4 is allowable. Claim 5 depends from claim 4 and is therefore allowable as depending from an allowable claim and for the specific features recited therein.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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